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Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Leon Botstein, director and conductor of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, leads the strings section in Leonard Berstein serenade.

Jerusalem orchestra moves K-State crowd

By Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

All bows went in unison as the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra fervently played the "Twelve Tribes of Israel" Thursday at McCain auditorium. The performance began with the "Star-Spangled Banner" followed by the Israeli National Anthem.

The following sequence entitled "Serenade" opened with a solo by violinist Robert McDuffe. McDuffe sweetly played his violin while other instruments soon followed. He swayed with each note with his eyes closed in deep concentration. The program ended with "Symphony No.3" and two en-

The symphony, founded in the 1940's was originally the national radio orchestra and was known as the Kol Israel Orchestra, according to the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Web site.

Some notable musicians that have performed with the orchestra are Arthur Rubinstein, Igor Markevitch and Peter Schrier. The orchestra has performed at various venues across the globe including Vienna, Frankfurt and Carngie Hall. Manhattan was one of the many destinations for JSO and the community appeared to be grateful.

"It was awesome" said Kimberly Kinney, member of K-State orchestra. "It was so nice they did two encores. I really enjoyed the concert."

JSO is directed by noted conductor, Leon Botsein who is also the principal conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra in New York.

In some of Botsein's closing statements, he mentioned how the audience was not the only ones surprised to have a Jerusalem symphony come this

"We did not expect to be in Manhattan Kansas," he said. "We expected you to come to Jerusalem? At the conclusion of the concert, audience

members appeared to be impressed by the performance. Mike Campbell, sophomore in music education and staff at McCain Auditorium, said he took the job to see music performances like this one.

"It was great," Campbell said. "Its always good to see a professional orchestra."



The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra IBA was founded in the 1940s as the Kol Isreal Orchestra. The name changed in the 1970s. Every year the orchestra performs during the Israel Festival.

Man charged with involuntary manslaughter

By Salena Strate KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man has been arrested on charges of involuntary manslaughter, according to a Riley County Police report.

Timothy James Noel, 26, was arrested from a warrant for his alleged involvement in the death of a 2-month-old infant, according to the report.
RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup

said the crime occurred in the northeast part of Manhattan on July 26, and the warrant for his arrest was issued Oct. 31.

Noel has been released from holding, according to the

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In another RCPD report, police are investigating a suspect in a case in which someone made unauthorized purchases totaling \$1,141. The charges were incurred using a stolen bank card during the dates of Aug. 27 to Oct. 7.

The cardowner also reported jewelry and \$120 in cash were stolen.

The suspect is known to the

Professors receive recognition

By Sara Kentzler KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State professors have been honored with the University of Kansas Endowment Achievement Higuchi Awards for outstanding research in their particular fields.

Sorenson, distinguished professor in physics and chemistry, and Larry J. Takemoto, distinguished professor in biology, were recognized for their achievements on Thursday at the Adams Alumni Center at KU. Recipients received a plaque and a \$10,000 research grant.

The Higuchi Awards honor research accomplishments by Kansas Board of Regents institutions. In 1981, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Pharmacy Takeru Higuchi, and his wife, Aya Huguchi, along with the Kansas University Endowment Association established the award program.

There are four specific

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CES sponsors annual dining etiquette workshop for K-State students

By Sarah Rajewski

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Gold Room of the Derby Dining Center was transformed into a fivestar restaurant Thursday

Amidst the tinkling of fancy glasses and china plates, students spent their dinner learning dining etiquette from Pat Pesci, director of hotel and restaurant management. The event was host-

ed by Career and Employment Services and the Department of Hospitality, Dietetics and Management and was started right around the time that Bill Snyder came, Pesci said.

The meal including proper dining rules began for student athletes and progressed to include all students.

Pesci said the event has gotten larger every year. This year, there were about 120-130 students in attendance, said Holly Smith of CES.

"It's a great event for student development so that they can learn the

skills they need to have and so that they can move on in the interview process," Smith said.

Pesci said dining etiquette was important since the second or third interview a person goes through for a company usually occurs over a meal.

Pesci said the differences between hiring and not hiring are so thin.

"[The employers] never tell you that maybe it was just some little faux pas," Pesci said.

The faux pas, French for false steps, that a person could make include may be leaving a phone on the table, men taking off their jackets before the host, talking with a full mouth, and various others, Pesci said.

The little things are important, he said, especially at events where employers bring more potential employees than they have positions for.

"They're trying to differentiate who is really quality," Pesci said.

Pesci emphasized the one thing that especially

makes a person stand out is the ability to think on their feet.

At a meal, this most noticeably occurs by following certain dining rules, but at the same time adjusting certain behaviors based on the employer's actions.

"You're thinking," Pesci said. "You're not just a

Pesci offered the students many rules to follow in a dining situation throughout the evening.

For example, when passing dishes at the table he said to remember to pass to the right, since "Right is right."

If an employer asks a question while the interviewers mouth is full, Pesci said to wait until the food is swallowed to talk, but make eye contact to let the employer know he was heard.

When deciding whether or not to have an alcoholic drink, which Pesci said could be the "kiss of death," the best method when asked, "What are you drinking?" is to defer the question and ask what the employer would recommend. Pesci also stressed only having one drink.

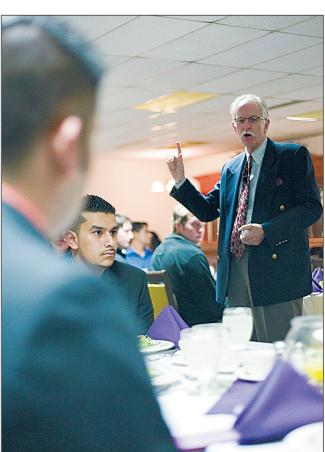
These little behaviors can be very important,

"I can give you more power in a restaurant than you ever thought possible," he said.

As the event went on, students listened intently to what Pesci had to say. Casual conversation and laughter could be heard at the various tables as the evening continued while students practiced their new dining skills.

Allie Goethe, junior in apparel, textiles and marketing, said the event was very helpful and the skills learned were necessary.

"[The skills are] life lessons, not even just for interviews, not even just for when you're at a relatives house, but for all of life you need to know this kind of stuff," Goethe said. "You're always going to go to stuff like that [where] you need to have dining etiquette."



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Pat Pesci, director of the hotel and restaurant management department, instructs students on proper dinner etiquette.

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Career and Employment Services will sponsor the Fall Education Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. For more information, go to www.kstate.edu/ces.

Alpha Kappa Psi will be host to its secondannual Poker Run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Aggieville. All the proceeds will benefit the Rebecca Trible Memorial Scholarship. The event will begin at Varney's Bookstore. The cost is \$5 for one game piece or \$20 for five. The winning hand wins a PlayStation 3.

Rec Services presents Healthy Women Workshop from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. This is a free workshop to learn tips about introductory lifting techniques and health benefits of adding weight lifting to your workout routine. It's free for K-State students and Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office by today. For more info, call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Budong Yang at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Durland 2036.

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kathleen Brown-Cecora at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Bluemont

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets go on sale Wednesday. Call 785-587-2117 for more

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Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Nov. 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state. edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Carolina Feoli at 10 a.m. Nov. 14 in Weber 146.

Praise of the Peoples II will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 15 at University Christian Church. The event is for international and American friends who will sing and pray together in 10 or more languages. Attenders are encouraged to bring a dessert native to their home country to share

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kelline Cox at 10 a.m. Nov. 17 in Bluemont 16E.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Zhongwen Tang at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 in Kramer 120.

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oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Daba Gedafa at 11 a.m. Nov. 18 in Fiedler 2116.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Cris Ugolini at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 in Cardwell 119.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Nikki Currie at 10 a.m. Nov. 19 in Bluemont 368.

The Student Organization for Cultural Studies Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in K-State Student Union 212. Admission

During the month of November, Rec Services is offering a one-hour nutritional analysis for half price. Have your current dietary habits analyzed and create goals and plans to achieve a healthy diet for weight loss or gain. The cost is \$7.50 for K-State students and \$10 for Rec facility members. Purchase your analysis in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

THE BLOTTER ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

WEDNESDAY

Carlos Garcia, 521 S. 17th St., was arrested at 8:20 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$500. Eduardo Reveles Carrillo, 521 S. 15th St., was arrested at 9:45 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Timothy James Noel, 1005 Walters Drive, was arrested at 5:50 p.m. for involuntary manslaughter. Bond was set at \$25,000. Anthony Duane Foveaux, Ögden, Kan., was arrested at 6:14 p.m. for violation of a protective order and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,000

Michael Joseph Brown, 2108 Fort Riley Blvd., Westwood Room 22, was arrested at 6:17 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond

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U.S. Mint promotes going green with use of coins over bills

By Sydney Eagleton KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In an effort to become environmentally friendly, the U.S. Mint is encouraging the use of coins in place of dollar

According to an Oct. 20 article in USA Today, "the U.S. Mint is spending about \$12 million on a pilot to promote the presidential dollar coin by appealing to Americans' duty to protect the environment while saving the government money

The campaign claims coins are "greener" because they are recyclable, last longer – and therefore can remain in circulation longer - and, if more Americans used them, could end up saving tax

In 1995, the Federal Reserve estimated that replacing one-dollar bills with coins "would save \$500 million a year," and with the increase of dollar bills in circulation since then, that figure likely would be higher, according to the article.

However, there are those who think this conversion might not be a suc-

"I don't think it will be that effective," said DaNesha McNeely, senior in animal science and vice

president of SEA. "I don't necessarily see changing from a one-dollar bill that's been out there for years to using a coin as really doing that much towards benefiting the envi-

The Mint has more than 92.7 million Sacagawea dollar coins that have remained uncirculated since they were created in 2000

In addition, the Mint started making presidential dollar coins in February 2007, but they have not taken off, and sales are far below what was expected, according to the article.

"I think a lot of the advertisements for the dollar coins in the past have been for more of a celebration, and they haven't been put into more practical use," said Bjai Rice, fifth-year student in nutritional science and pre-medicine. "But if they do more advertisement saying these are for everyday use and not just for celebration, then people might be more willing to use them."

Some think overcoming the cultural reliance on dollar bills will be the Mint's biggest struggle.

"Even if it is greener, you've got some cultural issues to fight," said Ben Champion, K-State director of sustainability. "As long as we still have the

one-dollar bill, then the one-dollar coin is a difficult sell."

agreed, saying Rice change is always hard for people but added that promoting the eco-friendliness of the coins might cause people to be more inclined to make the change.

There are other ways to create more environmentally friendly currency without asking Americans to change to coins, Mc-Neely said.

Soy-based ink or using hemp or other fabrics in place of the current dollar bills would be greener, McNeely said.

Champion said other countries like Australia have options for bills that are more durable and therefore stay in circulation longer, decreasing the amount that need to be produced. "Australian bills are not

fabric or paper," Champion said. "They are out of a form of plastic that is flexible but not tearable, so we could continue with our cultural preferences of using bills instead of coins."

With the manufacturing of all the dollar coins, it is also up to debate as to whether any energy is really saved, said Champion.

"It takes a lot of energy to process metals, and it would be difficult to calculate how much energy



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is saved versus paper," Champion said.

While the effort for the Mint to go green is appreciated, there are other ways to go green that will be more easily recogniz-

able, McNeely said. Ultimately, though, it comes down to the fact that Americans don't seem open to the change.

"[The Mint] has tried to sell it twice now, and neither of them went anywhere," Champion said. "I think that's still going to



Announcement for new NBAF home base relocation postponed

By Whitney Hodgin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State still has a one-in-six chance at bragging rights to a \$451 million National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility to research animal and public health and the security of the national food supply, according to nbafinkansas.org.

K-State Vice President of Research Ron Trewyn said Homeland Security has not made a decision as to where the NBAF should be relocated because it is still conducting an environmental impact statement.

He predicted the statement would be completed by the middle of this month or December, and he said an additional 30 days must be provided for the review of community input.

"From what we understand, Homeland Security is in the final process and have to respond to every comment they received," Trewyn said. "They are probably close to making their determination. We are playing a bit of a waiting game."

After all comments are considered, a final decision will be made.

Associate Vice President of Research Jim Guikema said he hopes the impact study will be released this year so the decision can be made by the current administration.

The Biosafety Level 4 Lab will research specific zoonotic and animal diseases like the avian flu, foot-and-mouth disease, porcine reproduction and respiratory syndrome and Nipah and Hendra viruses.

Because 20 percent of the nation's beef cows and calves and 40 percent of its hogs are located within a 350-mile radius of each other in Kansas, local NBAF supporters say Manhattan is an ideal location for such animal research, according to the site.

Other cities bidding for the NBAF are Athens, Ga.; San Antonio, Texas; Granville County, N.C.; and Madison County, Miss.

The NBAF will create thousands of jobs, stimulate the economy and secure Kansas' position as a bioscience leader, according to the site, and the facility will complement the Biosecurity Research Institute and the National Agricultural Biosecurity Center already located near campus.

Other cities being considered for the National Bio and Agro-Defense **Facility**

- Athens, Ga.
- San Antonio, Texas
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K-State Student Governing Association commends many during meeting

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Governing Association passed two resolutions and three bills by unanimous vote.

A commendation to Rich Vargo, Riley County clerk, for allowing the K-State Student Union to be a voting station in the 2008 elections was passed by unanimous consent. A commendation for the 2007-2008 K-State Student Ambassadors was passed for the hard work and dedication in representing K-State. Congratulations Student Ambassador Kara Bowman and Robby Flack.

The senate created a special commit-

tee to study the faculty evaluation process through a vote of 50 to 0. Allocations for fiscal year 2010 to the educational opportunity fund was passed. The fine arts privilege fee was decreased \$200 due to failure to receive a funding request for next year, Student Senator Wayne Stoskopf

Four bills were introduced and referred to committee. The Ichthus Campus Ministry funding request, Indian Student Association funding request and the Campus Crusade for Christ funding request were referred to the allocations committee. The proposal to amend the Student centered tuition enhancements was referred to executive committee.



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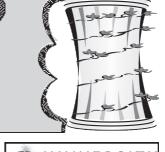
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Election woes

Republican views results in positive light



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In honor of the recent political upheaval in the United States, I have decided to donate the space usually reserved for my column to my slightly random thoughts on the election and

Presidential elections are a big deal. We select the leader of the free world, a symbol of hope for the world over. The president has the bully pulpit and the weight of the executive branch behind him. A lot of good - or a lot of harm - can be dealt by an American president.

Considering this, it isn't difficult to get worked up about the elections. We aren't talking about homecoming king, after all.

However, there needs to be some perspective. People don't get to be the president without being in some position to use it correctly. The position of president is not all-powerful, either. The media just likes to pretend it is.

As a registered Republican – I know, big surprise – I daresay this election did not exactly go the way I was hoping for. It is hard for me to be all doom-and-gloom, though.

First, for a clear majority of the voting public to vote in favor of Barack Obama shows that he is not without potential - even if I don't see it.

In the 2008 election cycle, we brought record numbers of voters to the polls. This is democracy at its best,

regardless of the results. Any candidate who brings these numbers to the polls is doing a great service to democ-

Second, looking at the voter's age breakdown for the election, I was a little surprised to see the young voter age bracket – 18-29 – brought more peo-ple than the "over 65" bracket. We might have finally gotten young people interested in politics.

The cynic in me wonders if this is a good thing, but this could mean a shift in power for the voter demo-

This shift clearly means younger people are taking an interest in their future. I don't mind the idea of enlightened college students at all.

It also means that the AARP is going to have some work to do if they want to continue being influential in the future.

Third, politics is very cyclical in nature. Republicans have had their fun, pushed through some nice conservative ideas and were getting lazy and complacent.

Pork-barrel spending has gone through the roof during the Bush presidency. Clearly the party has lost its way, and it just got doused with a bucket of cold water with this last election. Maybe that will be enough to wake it up and give it reason to change. This is why we have a twoparty system – to keep the politicians honest.

We'll have to wait many years to see the full ramifications of this election, but I will remain, in the meantime, cautiously pessimistic.

It could be a lot worse; Ralph Nader could have been elected.

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Global warming might not be complete fault of humans



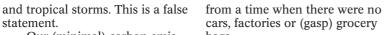
JOEL CAMPBELL

We have all had it drilled into our heads at every possible avenue: don't use plastic bags at the grocery store; our planet's temperature is warming too quickly; the sea levels are rising at levels

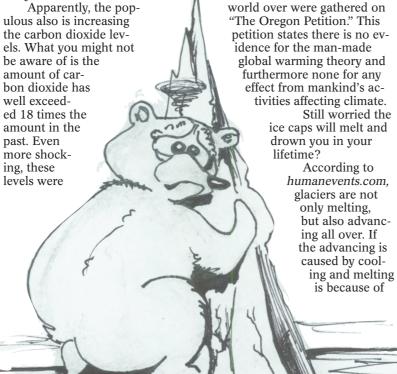
too rapid for us to control. These, among many other statements, are being tossed around lately as often as Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" is on the bottom shelf of the movie

Let's face it, nothing that we as a human race are doing right now can cause the Earth to burn or the ocean to drown us. Global warming and cooling has been occurring long before man was present. There were – from the days of long ago to present times natural disasters and melting glaciers.

For example, "global warming" has been said to have largely affected the amount of flooding



Our (minimal) carbon emissions cannot have an effect on the weather. Solar activity, however, can. Through any amount and depth of studies performed by endless groups of scientists or "green" radicals, humans have not been reported to have anything to do with solar activity.



cars, factories or (gasp) grocery

In fact, globalwarminghoax. wordpress.com reports that 96.5 percent of carbon dioxide emissions are produced by natural sources, leaving a mere 3.5 percent emitted by humans.

Also, according to the same

site, approximately 18,000 sig-

natures from scientists the

groceries at a self-checkout station, I try to use very few bags. I also ride my bike to class instead of driving my car, (and for the sake of my conscience, let's pretend I have a parking pass and legitimately want to save the planet). And nobody likes to see smog Still worried the billowing out of a factory tower. Just remember, on the larger scale of things, these concerns are really not a large contributor

to this "global warming" phase so many are concerned about. to wonder if what we are doing

warming, then we find ourselves

be simultaneously warming and

cooling enough to effect us all at once? It is by only a small margin

they don't just cancel each other

I will be the first to admit that I hate to see someone chuck

the wrapper of a cheeseburger out

the car window. When I bag my

How can our precious Earth

in quite a predicament.

We should all be able to go about our lives and not be made at any given moment is going to increase the temperature of our planet by one-millionth of a de-

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BEST OF THE FOURUM

It's been a whirlwind week at K-State: a monumental election and the beginning of the guest for a new football coach. All the buzz has had the Fourum line busier than usual. This has made for some interesting comments, and these are our favorites from this week.

"Halloween's over. It's officially hand-turkey season."

In our minds, every season is handturkey season. Break out the crayons and crisp, white paper.

"KU wins an Orange Bowl and a

national championship. Barack Obama was elected president. 2008 is officially the worst year ever."

Worst year ever, huh? That's a pretty lofty title. Political preferences aside, perhaps you should take a look at a history book. KU doing well does not really qualify as a national catastrophe.

"A severe thunderstorm warning capable of producing damaging winds and hail in November? Oh, wait, we're in Kansas."

In our opinion, crazy, unseasonable

weather is only fitting this week, with all the other crazy things that are happening. So bring it on, Mother Nature.

Illustration by Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

And to everyone who was more passionate and irate about the lack of a crossword in the Collegian than the election results:

Really? That was the most important news of the day you decided to call in to the Fourum about? Perhaps there were more pressing issues, like what could be the most controversial election in history, maybe?

THE FOURUM

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Dear Prince, thank you for answering our prayers.

My roommate was worried that her new fish might drown.

Shout out to the frat guy with the Elmo backpack.

To the guy in my macroeconomics class that sits right in front of me every day: Stop it. I like having my

If you voted "yes" for the smoking ban, you should be shot.

The world is now a better place. The president is Barack Obama, the House and Senate are Democratic and Ron Prince is no longer the coach of K-State football.

If we beat lowa State, I'm tearing down the goal posts.

A severe thunderstorm warning capable of producing damaging winds and hail in November? Oh, wait, we're

Obama gets elected, then the next day we don't have a crossword in the Collegian. What is the world coming

Obama is a man of his word, he brought change to K-State by getting rid of Ron Prince.

Firing Ron Prince is like putting down a cow that doesn't produce.

I know it was a big election, but now I have nothing to do in class today because you guys didn't put in a crossword.

To the hot guy working at the bakery last night: Thanks for putting icing on my bun. I'd bake with you any time.

I dated a girl from MCC last year. I got to third base.

You know what the football team made Saturday? A chicken sandwich.

Hey, Tri Delts, stop looking at me like I'm total white trash just because I don't look like a prostitute at 11 p.m.

I understand that the election results are important, but why did my crossword have to go away?



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Couple's engagement begins in Mexico

Sydney Eagleton KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Brett Currier, senior in English, said he had no idea that his boyfriend, Michael Evans, former K-State student, was about to propose while they were on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Currier and Evans have been together for about four years after they met through a mutual friend.

At the time, they were both majoring in environmental engineering and both agreed they just hit it off.

"We wound up having this three hour conversation about environmental policy," Currier said. "It was really fun and he was really smart and it was obvious that he had really good ideas. Plus he was really cute.

Evans also felt a connection with Currier right away. Having a similar major sparked the conversation and they went from there.

"He has quite a strong personality," Evans said. "He's one of those people who always stands out in a crowd. At least for me...' Although they had talked

about getting married before, nothing had been decided. But when they decided to go

to Mexico together, it seemed like the perfect time to propose, Evans

Even though Evans didn't have an exact plan for how he was going to propose, everything fell into place on one of their last nights in Mexico, he said.

'We'd gone out for a couple of drinks and then we went for a walk on the beach at sunset," Currier said. "As we turned around to go back to this restaurant that I'd been eying but we hadn't been to yet, fireworks shot off, so we watched them and then went to the restaurant.



COURTESY PHOTO

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After the couple ordered dessert, Evans got up to speak with the hostess.

'It was fun being able to try and talk to the hostess in broken Spanish and get my point across, but it worked.

Soon after, their dessert arrived with "Brett, will you marry me?" spelled out on the plate.

"I didn't think he was serious and then he was down on one knee," Currier said. "I still thought he was joking and then he put the ring on my finger."

Evans said he had had the ring with him in his suitcase and was nervous about Currier seeing it as they went through customs.

He had also enlisted a few friends to help him look for the ring and was worried that they wouldn't have been able to keep

When it came time for the proposal though, Evans said he was more excited than nervous.

With Currier graduating in May, he said it was time to get married

"We're planning on moving somewhere together, so I thought if we were moving across the country together, we might as well be engaged," Evans said.

The couple is now planning on having their ceremony wherever Currier ends up going to graduate school next fall.

While they have to wait to find out where their wedding will be, one detail of their ceremony has already been decided on.

"We're going to have a reading from the Velveteen Rabbit," Currier said. "It's really beautiful."

Thinking beyond the usual wedding

Jenna Scavuzzo KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Multicolored fish swirling around them, a couple breathes their nervousness and joy into bubbles through their snorkels.

A pastor and authorized scuba instructor prompts the couple to recite the classic marriage vows, and pronounces them as husband and wife.

In the depths of the ocean, the couple exchanges their first kiss of their marriage. However, bubbles encase them instead of rice.

While most couples choose to exchange their vows traditionally, some decide to perform their wedding ceremonies creatively, unusually and far from their hometown churches.

According to lovetipunconventional per.com, wedding ceremonies have included scuba diving, roller coasters, skydiving and thematic weddings for couples who have wanted their special day to be original.

Aspiring to have a memorable and special wedding, couples innovatively tying the knot typically create ceremony ideas distinctive to their personalities, interests and love for each other.

Jill Exposito, Overland Park, Kan., resident, and her husband, Pat, had their wedding in a church on Sanibel Island in the morning, and later had a sunset ceremony and reception on a 42foot yacht. As soon as their reception ended, the yacht took them to Captiva Island for their honeymoon.



Clements – Olsen

Jennifer Clements Olsen, fifth-year senior in Business with minor in Psychology at K-State and Luke Olsen, fifth-year senior in Business at K-State, announce their marriage.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jerry and Jodi Clements, Carbondale, KS, and Luke is the son of Craig and Fannie Olsen, Falun, KS.

The couple exchanged their vows October 25, 2008 at University



Hagman – Betzold

Patricia Hagman senior in milling science management at K-State and Craig Betzold, of DJ Carpenter's in Manhattan announce their engagement.

Patricia is the daughter of Eugene and Nancy Hagman of Kensington, KS and Craig is the son of Morris and Barbara Betzold of Hutchinson, KS.

A December 27, 2008 wedding is planned in Hutchinson, KS.

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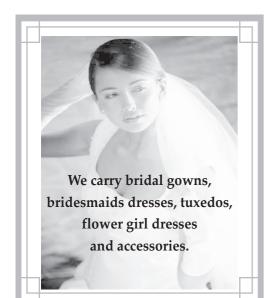
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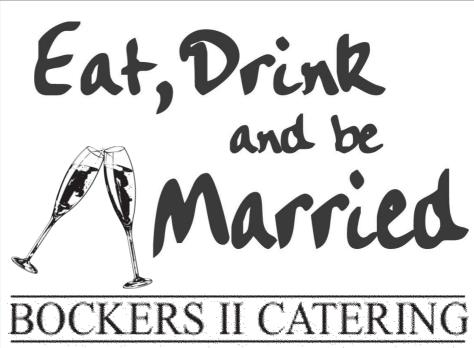


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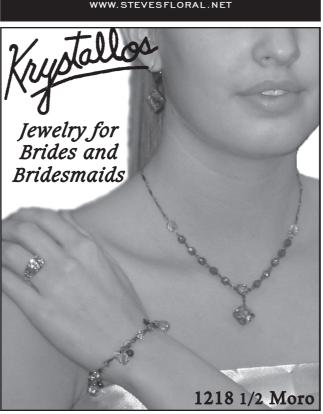


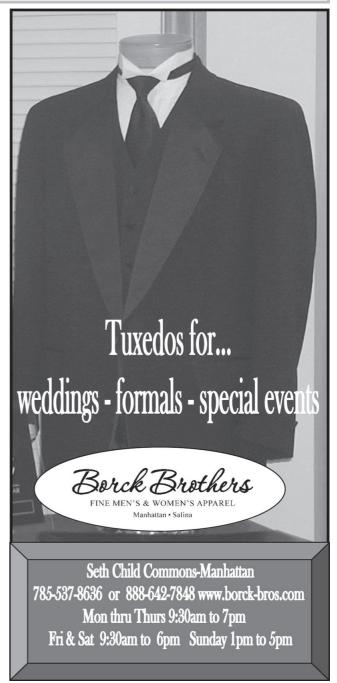




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KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

Coach Prince firing was right choice



MANBECK

I turned on the radio Wednesday to hear NBC Action News Director Jack Harry ridicule K-State and its fans, saying racial concerns were a factor in the firing of coach Ron

Prince. I immediately scoffed at Harry and couldn't help but wonder - where on earth do these people get these crazy ideas?

Prince was not fired because of his race. He was fired because of his inability to recruit quality players to K-State, to bring in and keep quality assistant coaches and to win games that were of significant importance to Wildcat fans.

Prince was 0-7 against Nebraska Missouri.

His upcoming recruiting class ranks as one of the worst in the nation among all Bowl Championship Series teams.

The 19 junior college players he signed for this season have put K-State in a bind in upcoming recruiting classes.

He also has burned several bridges along the

recruiting trail. His use of gray-shirt placements on players at the last possible moments before national letter of intent signing day agitated high school coaches across the state of Kansas and other places.

Grayshirting a player means a player pays his own tuition for the first semester at the university and then goes on scholarship after that

He has made bizarre decisions about redshirting players. He pulled Attrail Snipes' redshirt and Jayson Cuba's for limited playing time, wasting one year of their eligibility.

He did everything the opposite of former coach Bill Snyder when he got here. Rumors swirled that he took down the team picture of the 2003 Big 12 Championship team. He almost always had a disconnect with K-State

The next coach will have to deal with games against Oregon, UCLA, Virginia Tech, Auburn and Miami - all games Prince locked up in two-game matchups after barely setting foot on the campus.

There has been no progress. It has been a steady digression since his first year at the helm. He has gone 9-12 since he took K-State to the Texas Bowl in 2006. He is 2-9 in his last 11 games against **Bowl Championship Series** opponents.

There were no signs of improvement on the horizon. It was destined to get far worse before it got better.

If K-State were to have waited another year, then everything Snyder built would have been gone. The foundation was crumbling, and something had to be

Now, the pressure is on. K-State must make the right hire this time. Otherwise, K-State football could be erased from the minds of recruits across the nation. K-State took a risk in hiring Prince. Now, that opportunity for risk is

The administration must make a safe hire.

Prince wasn't fired for racial reasons. He was fired because he got on the bad side of the donors with money. And money talks.

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High hopes



Coach Deb Patterson described her expectations for a successful season: "I think for us to finish the season with a NCAA Tournament bid is the ultimate goal for this basketball team and will define success when you understand the magnitude of competing in this league night-in and night-out. I think that would be a great achievement, and that is what we are directed towards.

Patterson talks about women's basketball team, season expectations

By Britton Drown KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team is coming off a regular-season Big 12 championship, and with four returning starters, the team hopes to compete again in a strong Big 12 Conference. Coach Deb Patterson recently answered a few questions about the last preseason game, which takes place today, and her expectations for the rest of the season.

Q: How did winning the Big 12 championship change the mindset of the basketball

A: When you have had success, you understand what it takes to be successful. I think more than anything, we are in a position to draw off of closegame scenarios and find a way to win - and that's what separates you.

Q: Has your mindset changed as a coach now that your team is the defending Big 12 Champion?

A: No. I think that every year, it is like a blank page. While you have some intrinsic lessons and some experiences behind you,

that is all you bring to the next season. What's done is done.

Q: How are the eight returning players going to have an impact on the team this year? A: I think what is really significant is that we have some real quality minutes behind our senior class right now, and they are a great core to build some depth around. I think the challenge is always for new players to step in and find a way to make a difference.

Q: How do you see the new players fitting into the program?

A: I think it is a day-to-day process, but I like the progress they have made in the last four or five days.

Q: What did winning the Big 12 Coach of the Year mean to you?

A: To me, it is just a reflection of having a team that has competed extremely hard and well for what we bring to the table, and it is a reflection of having a great coaching staff.

Q: Friday is the last exhibition game for this team. What do those exhibitions provide for the team?

A: Exhibition games are critical elements of preparation, and playing a Washburn or an Emporia, you are playing two great high-caliber Division II basketball teams. It really gives us a chance for some accurate evaluations of our personnel. They are very valuable to us.

Q: How has the Big 12 Conference changed this year from the previous season?

A: I think the conference this year has gotten even better. When you think about the fact that regular-season champions are ranked seventh in the preseason by the great coaches in this league, and the Big 12 Tournament Champions are picked No. 5 in the preseason after advancing to the Elite 8, it tells you how tough the league is about to be.

Q: How do you fit your team in the Big 12?

A: I think we're probably sitting at a fair pick right now in the preseason, and the reality is preseason polls don't [make] a statement about the toughness of your league. You still line it up and compete to see where you ultimately are going to finish.

Q: How excited are your players to start regular-season games?

A: Honestly right now they are excited about the exhibition game against Emporia. I think we understand how far we have to go; we understand the value of this next game and the challenge of this next game. We are not at all looking beyond

O: In your opinion, what will it take for this team to make it to the NCAA Tournament?

A: It's going to take an unbelievable amount of focus and resiliency, and cohesiveness and work ethic through the course of the season by our basketball team, so those elements have to be in place.

Q: What in your mind would be considered a successful season?

A: I think for us to finish the season with a NCAA Tournament bid is the ultimate goal for this basketball team and will define success when you understand the magnitude of competing in this league nightin and night-out. I think that would be a great achievement, and that is what we are directed towards.

VOLLEYBALL

Cats head to Lincoln more prepared

By Justin Nutter

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The last time the K-State volleyball team faced off against Nebraska, the Wildcats' performance could be summed up in one word: inconsistent.

When the teams squared off on Sept. 17 in Manhattan, K-State had the Huskers on the mat. However, with the match tied 1-1 and a comfortable lead in the third game, it all came unraveled. The Wildcats weren't able to recover, and Nebraska went home with a 3-1 win.

Nearly two months later, head coach Suzie Fritz says her team is much improved and better prepared to face the national powerhouse.

"It seems like a really long time ago, no doubt, said Fritz, who tied K-State's all-time wins record against Oklahoma on Wednesday. "We're a much better team. For once, it's not a match that necessarily everybody thinks you're supposed to win, so you get to play loose. You get to just kind of go for it and let the chips fall where they may.

Fritz said while her team may be more relaxed this time around, Nebraska is never a team to take lightly - especially on the road.

"Î'm certain, watching them a little bit today, that they're better too," she said. "You know, they played here without two pretty key players in their lineup. I think [Nebraksa] Coliseum is one of the most difficult places to play in the country.

Fritz and the No. 15 Wildcats (21-4, 11-3 Big 12 Conference) will look to capitalize on their improvements when they take on the No. 3 Huskers (22-1, 13-1) Saturday in Nebraska Coliseum.

Nebraska has been paced this season by a pair of outside hitters. Senior Jordan Larson - a 2007 All-American - leads the team with 3.77 kills per game. Sophomore Tara Mueller has also been strong at the net, as she is averaging 3.46 kills

The Wildcats will counter Nebraska's strong net play with a trio of seniors. Outside hitters Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova also a 2007 All-American have had solid senior campaigns. They are avergaing 4.2 and 3.25 kills per game, respectively. Middle blocker Megan Farr has enjoyed a solid all-around season for K-State, as she is averaging 1.77 kills and 1.22



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

The Wildcats and Huskers have faced off 78 times prior to Saturday's meeting. First serve is set for 7 p.m.

blocks while maintaining a .374 hitting percentage on

ers have faced off 78 times prior to Saturday's meeting. First serve is set for 7 The Wildcats and Husk**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Basketball to open on Sunday

By Staff Report KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's basketball team will kick off their season on Sunday as they play host to Washburn University. It will be the first and only exhibition game open to the public.

Head coach Frank Martin comes into his second season with his team picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 Conference and will have to find a way to replace the production of Michael Beasley and Bill Walker.

K-State returns several players that contributed significantly to last year's team. Jacob Pullen, Dominique Sutton, Ron Anderson and Darren Kent each saw action in over half of last year's games.

Their opponent, the Washburn Ichabods, enter the 2008-09 season picked to finish sixth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference.

This season will be head coach Bob Chipman's 30th year on the Ichabod bench.

Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

Dietetic intern program aims to reduce food waste in dining halls



Chelsy Leuth | COLLEGIAN

Student dietitians Katie Barnhardt and Larry Simonson collect food for the all-taste-no-waste campaign in the Derby Dining Center on Thursday. Student dietitians pulled a random sample of 400 trays from lunch. They are going to collect the data and analyze results beginning next week.

By Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Derby Dining Center dietetic interns conducted a study on the food waste of the dorm residents on Wednesday and Thursday.

The campaign, called "All Taste, No Waste," was first conducted last summer at Kramer Dining Center by interns in the dietetics department to educate students on the waste they produce at mealtime.

We are trying to bring awareness of how much students waste," said Jennifer Gardner, fifth year senior in dietetics and intern.

Interns stood at the tray conveyor belt near the exits to collect all food and liquid left on students'

The mountain of wasted food was heaped in three white barrels two for food, one for liquid. Students approached the counter with disgusted glances.

'Here's more waste," said one student as he handed his tray to the dining center employees.

We thought about going down to the dish room and scraping it down there" said Katie Barnhardt, senior in dietetics. But instead they thought it would be a sobering lesson for the students to see the amount of waste they produced.

And the waste has been enormous. Wednesday's dinner alone produced 284.9 pounds of food waste and 127.68 pounds of liquid waste for 896 students. That amounted to 0.318 pounds of wasted food per person, and 0.1425 pounds of liquid per person.

'We're seeing when it's selfserved that they'll take more," Barnhardt said.

The interns threw away mounds of desserts and crunched, soggy nachos and dumped glass after glass full of various drinks.

Dining center user Justin Thatcher, freshman in horticulture, said he was appalled by the waste.

'It's kind of despicable knowing that people get this food intending to eat it and they don't," Thatcher said.

Results of the "All Taste, No Waste" Campaign through Thursday morning:

WEDNESDAY	SOLID WASTE	LIQUID WASTE	MEAL COUNT					
Breakfast:	45.65 lbs (0.0895 lbs/person)	82.11 lbs 0.1610 lbs/person)	510					
Lunch:	221.02 lbs (0.2115 lbs/person)	155.70 lbs (0.1490 lbs/person)	1045					
Dinner:	284.90 lbs (0.3180 lbs/person)	127.68 lbs (0.1425 lbs/person)	896					
THURSDAY								
Breakfast:	37.10 lbs (0.0765 lbs/person)	63.78 lbs (0.1315 lbs/person)	485					

Dining services promotes healthy eating

By Jasmine Wilcoxson KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On Thursday, Kramer Dining Center featured "Life in the Fresh Lane" as their theme for the "Course Change." The event is a monthly dinner to provide residents with dining experiences that focus on incorporating healthy eating habits into the average stu-

"We were wanting to look for something that was healthy, but also tasted good," said Carla Campbell, senior dietetic.

The recipes for this dinner were created and tested by senior dietetic students who are doing their practicum management with dining services this semester. The menu consist- ter.

ed of a variety of foods like autumn beet salad, oven roasted salmon, penne pasta, roasted root vegetables, and artisan bread. Hazelnut Semifreddo cappuccino and chocolate biscotti were served as dessert.

The senior dietetic students and the rest of the Kramer Dining Center staff said the produce was provided by Willow Lake Farm, operated and ran by the K-State horticulture students, Parideaza Farm in Wamego, Kan., and Barbara Flores, a local producer who resides in Manhattan

"One of the reasons we chose to use locally grown produce is to really send a message of sustainability," said Cheryl Klobasa, director of Kramer Dining Cen-

Staff also focused on promoting the "Five Ways to Sneak a Few More Vegetables into Your Diet," which they adopted from the book "The Vegetable Dishes I Can't Live Without," by Mollie Katzen.

Klobasa stated that the staff specifically wanted the students to get the idea of eating more vegetables and

During the event, students waited in line while filling out a Kramer Dining Center customer comment card, which allows the students to rate their dining experience which includes the atmosphere, the meal and a choice to give suggestions. Everyone who gave feedback by turning in the comment card was entered into a drawing to win a market ners like this."

basket full of fruits and vegetables. They were also entered in a grand prize drawing that will be at the end of March, the National Nutrition Month. March grand prizes include a digital camera, GPS running watch, iPOD, or a gift certificate to a local restaurant

Students across the room seemed to have an expression of enjoyment as their plates were filled with the menu entrées and desserts. Amanda Sarr, freshman in animal science, enioved the food as though the menu had never changed.

"I think the food is good," she said. "I was aware that tonight was a Course Change dinner, but it didn't matter to me. I wouldn't mind more din-

Sunset Zoo presents Military Appreciation

The Sunset Zoological Park is going red, white, blue - and free - this weekend.

Sunset Zoo will grant free admission to all from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in honor of the sacrifices soldiers and their families have made, said Allie Lousch, marketing development officer at Sunset Zoo.

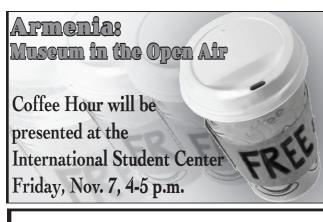
The event is part of the "thank you" drive to Fort Riley's Warrior Transition Battalion.

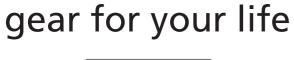
The Warrior Transition Battalion's goal is to aid wounded soldiers recovering from their injuries. The goal of the "thank you" drive is to help fulfill some of the needs of these soldiers.

Some items on the wish list include "fun items" like magazines, DVDs, pool or ping-pong tables and Wii or Xbox games.

Those interested also can donate money to recreation, transportation, lodging or food funds.

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Breast reduction surgery a growing trend for women

By Megan Molitor KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In a world in which Barbie-like bodies are the ideal, society seems to think the smaller the waist and the larger the breasts, the better. Having breast augmentation to try to achieve this often-unrealistic ideal is a growing trend for women, and TV shows like "Nip/Tuck" and "Dr. 90210" emphasize this popular surgery

However, for many women with large breasts, being "well endowed" can seem more like a curse than a blessing.

reduction-Breast surgery is on the rise and can help to make life a little easier for these women.

Vicki Warren, operating room nurse at the Plastic Surgery Center in Wichita, said breast reduction surgery is not usually considered cosmetic surgery but a medical necessity.

"Patients come to see us when they feel like they have medical reasons like rashes, headaches or shoulder pain, and a doctor will examine them to see if they are candidates," she said. "Everything happens here in the of-

Warren said when the patient comes in for surgery, a template is drawn on the breast, and the patient is put under general anesthesia for about an hour and a half. The breast tissue is cauterized and cut out, creating minimal bleeding. The tissue taken out is weighed and sent to a pathologist to examine for abnormal cells, like breast cancer.

When finished, the incisions are closed using absolvable sutures, and the patient is sent home, wearing a special supportive bra.

She said they instruct patients to restrict their activity for the first week. Warren said there is some soreness and pain, but patients usually feel fairly good after the first week, though swelling can last for several months.

Unlike breast augmentation, where patients may have the option to choose the size they want their breasts to be, breast reduction surgery patients usually do not have that guarantee.

cup,' but we can't promise size," Warren said. "We mainly make people's breasts proportionate to their bodies. There is a misconception that there is a certain cup size, but every bra is made differ-

gery Center, she has seen women of all ages come

In past years, she saw more older women, who hadn't realized for many years this surgery was available to them and no longer wanted to live with the pain. The majority are in their 30s - when they are done having children - but she said now they are operating often on women in

sibility of not being able to breast feed afterward, she said, but added it is not much of a deciding factor to women who are looking to better their

However, she said side effects are important to

'There is always a risk of infection," Warren said. "But it is less than 1 percent. The biggest problem we see are women who smoke. Smoking constricts the blood flow to areas needing to heal, so a smoker could see tissue loss, or the nipple could even die."

more comfortable life outweigh the risks, which Warren said could be one of the reasons she has seen in increase in these surgeries.

"People are becoming more accepting of cosmetic surgery," she said. "The Midwest is behind. We see more on the East and West coasts, then it trickles down to us. We've been seeing more people come in to visit with the doctors and see what their options are."

The good news for women seeking breast reduction surgery is many times their insurance will

Mary Beth Chambers, corporate communications manager at BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas, said insurance will cover the surgery if it is a medical necessity.

She said there are two paths to determining if a surgery will be covered. One is if a woman is having a lot of symptoms related to having too much breast tissue, like neck, shoulder or back pain. In this instance, it would be deemed medically nec-

The second option would be for a woman who

ies in instances of someone trying to regain structure after having cancer," Chambers said. "The reduction would be in order to create symmetry."

"The physician would assess if the concern was causing medical complications, or if it was exacerbating a current condition," Doyle said. "Depending on the type of surgery requested, they could

offer an appropriate referral for that student." Students interested or curious about breast reduction surgery could contact the Wichita Plastic Surgery Center or any plastic surgery facility in

"People come in and say, 'I want to be a B Warren said in her 20 years at the Plastic Sur-

in for this surgery.

They warn the younger women there is the pos-

take into consideration.

For many women, the benefits of leading a

essary to have surgery.

has had a mastectomy because of breast cancer.

"It is mandated we cover these types of surger-

If students are not sure where to begin their search for information about surgery, Lafene Student Health Center might be a good starting

Theresa Doyle, health educator at Lafene, said students who came to Lafene with surgery questions are given a consultation to discuss their

the area.



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MEGAN **MOLITOR**

I stood in the dressing room at Victoria's Secret, and tried to tell myself how ridiculous it would look to cry. The saleswoman stood behind me, pulling this and adjusting that, muttering under her breath that she couldn't get me another size because the store didn't carry a bigger one. When it became clear nothing she did would cause those two ladies in the cups to behave, she excused herself to help someone who could actually fit into a bra.

I was cursed with larger than average breasts. Starting in late junior high, I watched as countless girls of all ages looked at me with false sorrow and proclaimed they wished they could have my chest. I would have let them have it.

The problems might sound silly to some, but to a high-school-age girl just trying to be normal, it felt like God was trying to punish me for some unknown I also couldn't wear the cute shirts

or bathing suits my friends with normalsize chests wore. When I tried to, they would giggle at how ridiculous I looked, and said they were laughing with me. But I was laughing only on the outside; inside, I wished I could do something to help make me more comfortable.

It got worse when I got to college. I still had trouble fitting into clothes,

and when I tried a little too hard, girls misinterpreted it and called me slutty or something else amazingly creative. Boys look at a large chest and assume the girl is a green light, which is quite an inaccurate assumption. It also hurt to jog or do anything

very active, it hurt to hear my friends make jokes and it hurt to see myself in the mirror. Something had to be done. I had been considering breast reduction surgery for some time, but I was very afraid of how my (very conservative) parents would respond when I talked to

them about it. However, they were very receptive and instantly helped me set up a consultation with a plastic surgery center in Wichita. When I filled out the paperwork, I couldn't stop smiling – this was the first step to changing my life.

It was awkward, that's for sure. Having a strange doctor and nurse examine me and take pictures (for the insurance company) is not my idea of a fun afternoon. However, it was worth it, because I was lucky enough to have my insurance company cover the entire surgery. The surgery date was set, and all that was left to do was say good-bye to two friends I was not so fond of.

I had never been in a hospital setting before, so I was a little high-strung, to say the least. The fact that it was a plastic surgery center made me feel like I should be on "Dr. 90210." Two hours and a lot of groggy confusion later, it was all over with. My new body was here, and it was time to heal.

My recovery time was amazingly short. Perhaps that's because I was so excited and upbeat about getting on with my new life. That might sound dramatic, but it's true. I could finally be a normal girl, not one people looked at when they walked by.

I can honestly say having breast reduction surgery was the best thing I have done so far in my life. It might seem odd in a world so caught up with women trying to have larger-than-life breasts and disproportionate bodies, but I lived that life and it wasn't for me.

My life is more comfortable, both physically and mentally. I can wear what I want to wear, do any activity that suits me and enjoy positive attention that is more focused on what is going on above my shoulders. I feel more healthy and active, and my doctor even told me going through with this drastically reduced my risk for breast cancer. I am so grateful to have had a family and core group of friends who supported me in my quest to become happier.

In my gender relations class the other day, students were discussing how women went through plastic surgery because society tells them they should, because they aren't beautiful enough. I, along with many other women out

there, are the exception to that rule. I didn't do it to attract boys, I didn't do it to get girls to be friendlier and I didn't do it to become beautiful – but I did it for me, plain and simple. I am more comfortable with myself, and I will never regret it. I know I am not the only woman who has felt uncomfortable with not only her breasts, but any part of her body. If you are one of these women, I urge you to look past the stereotypes of cosmetic surgery. It changed my life for the better, and now whenever I walk into a store like Victoria's Secret, I can do it with confidence, and proudly ask the salesperson for a 34C.

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BROTHEL BRIEFS

Brothel members think twice about being out too late



SALENA STRATE

I never thought it would happen to me; I thought we were performing the textbook example of how to walk home late at night. But now I can say that I've experienced it - my friends and I got jumped.

It was last Friday night, on Halloween, and all us Brothel girls were so excited to show off our new costumes and spend our first Halloween in the 'Ville.

As you might recall from my previous article, I was dressed up as a bathtub. My roommates' costumes included a black cat, a pretty ballerina – complete with a pink tiara - a gangster, a flapper and a police officer.

My roommate, the police officer, even joked it would be quite hilarious if she got arrested that night dressed in her official uniform.

After one round of pumpkin juice, we ventured to Aggieville with our friends, Bud Man and Dick in a Box. At almost every bar, the tub seemed to be a hit, but my one complaint about the costume is that everyone wanted to pop my balloons.

We were having so much fun we didn't want the night to end. So, while the rest of the Brothel walked home, the officer and I stayed out to meet up with our friend, Jay.

When 2 a.m. came and went, we left the 'Ville for the short walk home down Manhattan Ave.

Walking, with Jay in the middle and my roommate the officer on the left side, we couldn't help but laugh about how perfect the night had been.

Just as we walked by the Tower condos on Manhattan Ave., I felt a strange presence behind me. Suddenly, that presence turned into two large men who started punching Jay.

Us girls started screaming at the two men to stop attacking Jay, and sure enough, they did.

Then, they sprinted across the street and into their car at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art's parking lot.

My roommate and Jay took off across the parking lot, searching for our attackers' vehicle tag, while I ran all the way home, still stuck in my tub.

Since my cell phone didn't fit well inside the costume, I had no way of calling the police; thankfully my roommate managed to call.

When I finally arrived home, I ran into the house where our friends Bud Man and Dick in the Box were hanging out.

I rambled off the story, and before I knew it, they took off to catch the cul-

We didn't file a police report because we knew there was no way to catch the criminals, but it was still a scary situation.

Jay was fine – just a little sore in the morning – and we were OK, but I'm still shocked that it happened, and I can't believe it happened to us.

It just goes to show you anything can happen when you live at the Brothel.

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The recipients of the Higuchi Award are chosen by a selection committee and must go through an extensive nomination process, said Kevin Boatright, director of communications for KU's Office of Research and Graduate Stud-

"This is a very competitive process. The committee looks for individuals who are well-known nationally and have done something reputable in their field," Boatright said. "The recipients have done a service to society with their science."

The grant is applied to the winners' research.

Many use it for summer salaries, to hire research assistants and further their scientific projects, Boatright said.

Sorenson came to K-State in 1977 and has taught many courses in the physics department and has received grants for his research.

"After you get your Ph.D., you never know where you are going to end up. I am glad I found a job at K-State," he said. "I really enjoy teaching students who are from all majors and perspectives."

Sorenson was nominated for the Higuchi Award because of his work with particulate systems, light scattering, optics and aerosol physics.

He specifically studies how aerosol pollution affects the global climate.

"I love to think - es-

pecially about science. I am very mechanically inclined," he said.

He said he anticipates staying at K-State for quite a while.

"People say you are supposed to retire at 61, but I want to charge way past that. If I, or my students see me slipping, then I guess I will just have to retire."

Takemoto has taught at K-State since 1979 and currently teaches a graduate class in cell membranes and an introduction to biology course that focuses on cell biology.

"I was a postdoctorate fellow looking for a permanent position, and I found good labs here at K-State," he said. "I consider teaching a big accomplishment."

He received the Higuchi Award for his research on the human eye, especially the proteins in the cataractous lens.

He is nationally and internationally known for his work in this field.



Chris Sorenson and Larry J. Takemoto, were recognized for their achievements in outstanding research in their particular fields.

Takemoto's designing agents that might cataract.

ing forward to looking more really excited about."

"This university gives into the theory and physihas laid the foundation for me a good chance to con- cal aspects of my research. duct my research, and suc- I have some collaborations delay the formation of the ceed," he said. "I am look- with other researchers I am

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Obama's win parallels first black president of K-State student body

By Eric Davis

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN Following the historic

election of Barack Obama, who will be the first black president

the United States, the Collegian reflects on a different president, former K-State student body president

FRANKLIN

Bernard Franklin. Franklin, the university's first black student body president, was announced in the Feb. 13, 1975, issue of the Collegian. Also, current Alumni Association President Amy Button Renz ran in the election, coming in third behind Franklin.

FRANKLIN WRITE-INS WIN STAFF REPORT

Bernard Franklin did the "impossible" Wednesday by winning the race for student body president on a write-in campaign and with 55 percent of the

Franklin was swept to victory by an amazing 1,993 of the total turnout of 3,627 votes.

No candidate in the history of the SGA general election has won by as large a margin in a field of four - and he did it as a write-in candidate.

astonished!" "I'm Franklin said after learning of the landslide victory. "I just flipped when I found out."

Franklin's closest opponent was Mike Relihan, who polled 605 votes (17 percent), followed by Amy Button with 582 (16 percent) and Bill Nichols with 377 (10 percent). More students voted for Franklin than the rest of all the other candidates combined.

The voter breakdown reflected the solidarity and balance of the triumph. Franklin's strength ranged from a low of 48 percent in the College of Engineering to a high of 64 percent in the College of Home Eco-

"I never thought we'd be that successful," Franklin said. "I owe a lot of thanks to a lot of people."









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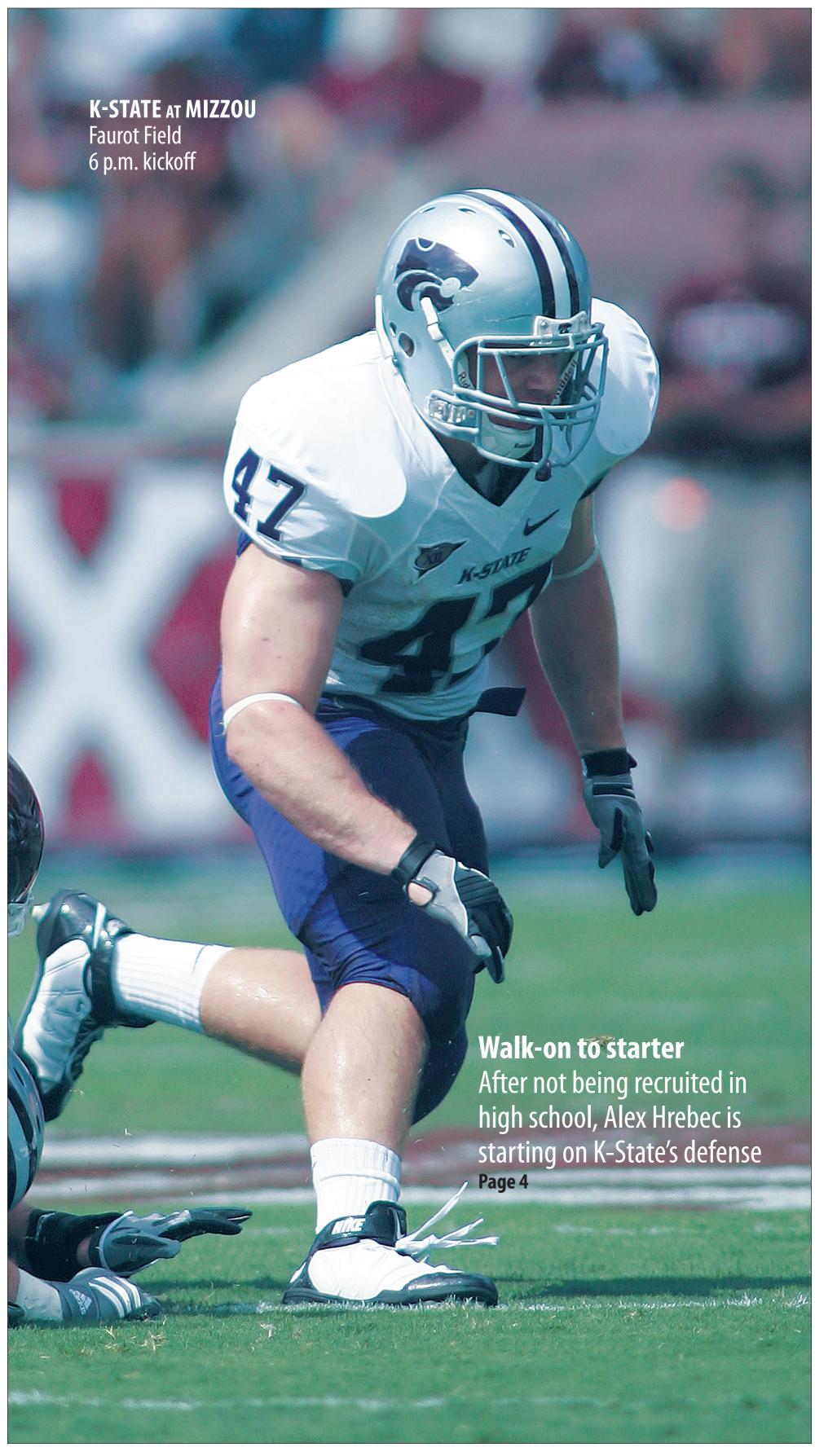
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OFFENSE APLENTY

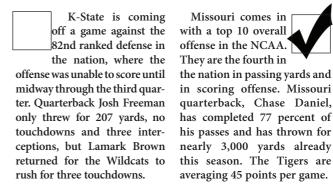
K-State travels to Columbia, Mo., to face yet another dynamic Big 12 offense.



QB Chase Daniel has completed nearly 77 percent of his passes and has thrown for passes. The Heisman candidate is the leader of the Tigers' offense that is ranked in the top 10 nationally.

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OFFENSE



Missouri comes in with a top 10 overall offense in the NCAA. They are the fourth in the nation in passing yards and in scoring offense. Missouri quarterback, Chase Daniel, has completed 77 percent of his passes and has thrown for this season. The Tigers are averaging 45 points per game.

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Passing statistics

Chase Daniel

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RB Derrick Washington is the main rushing threat

for the Tigers. He

averages six yards

a carry and has 13

touchdowns.

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Shawn Scott			3	15	5.0	8	0		
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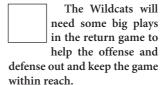
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in the country. They have a hard time stopping pass-heavy offenses, which K-State brings into Columbia. But Missouri's defense ranks as the national leader in tackles for a loss and is in the top 20

Missouri's defense

SPECIAL TEAMS



Missouri's kicker, Jeff Wolfert has hit 84 percent of his field goals. And Jeremy Maclin is as explosive and as good as they come.

PREDICTION

Football fans can expect another high scoring game this weekend. Both offenses can score quickly and often. Missouri comes in as ranked 13 in the nation and is control of its own destiny in the Big 12 North division. After getting its national championship hopes crushed by losing consecutive games to Texas and Oklahoma State,

Missouri looks to be a team on a mission. Saturday is also senior day, so look for seniors like Chase Daniel and Chase Coffman to come ready to play. The Wildcats must force turnovers and contain the Missouri offense if they want to keep it

— Missouri 42, K-State 21



WR Jeremy Maclin is the most explosive player in the Big 12. He returns punts, kicks and catches

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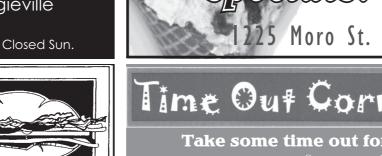


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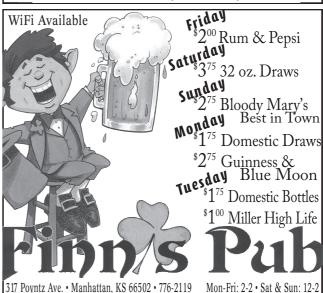


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Senior day in Columbia could mean bad news for Wildcats

By Mike DeVader KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With the Wildcats' goal of getting to a second bowl game in three years under coach Ron Prince slowly slipping out of its grasp, K-State must take a trip east with the daunting figure of the No. 13-ranked Missouri Tigers standing in their way.

Coming off an embarrassing loss last week to instate rival Kansas, the Wildcats must turn things around immediately because the buzz saw that is the Tiger offense is ready to shine on Senior Day in Columbia, Mo.

"Going into this week, it is pretty clear that this is a terrific offense, once again," Prince said. "It is like a broken record every week. We say the same thing every week -aterrific quarterback, very good running game."

"Obviously, [Maclin] is one of the more dynamic

players in college football.

Missouri (7-2, 3-2 Big 12 Conference) comes into its final home game of the season looking to go on a threegame winning streak after squeaking past the Baylor Bears last week, 31-28. The Tigers will display their fourth-ranked passing offense in front of their fans in the stands who will be trying to "blackout" the Wildcats during the game. Another crucial key to the outcome could be the emotion surrounding the 23 seniors playing their last downs on Faurot Field

"This is going to be a big day on Saturday," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "It's the Blackout game, and our fans have been the absolute greatest. We're very appreciative of all they do. It will be an emotional day for me.

"I'll just have to get my head together by the time we

Pinkel will have to restrain himself a little more when quarterback Chase Daniel and tight end Chase Coffman are introduced to the crowd just before kickoff, because this dynamic duo has been a staple of the Missouri offense for the last four years and is sure to have a significant effect on the outcome of the game.

"It's just one last chance to play in front of our home crowd and experience everything we've been working on for these past few years playing here," Coffman said. "It will be good just to go out and have a good game and give it everything we've got."

The Wildcats (4-5, 1-4 Big 12) will try to snap a stretch of losing five of seven games, including the last three in a row, while preparing for the Tigers' best shot just a short week after getting pounded by Jake Sharp and the

Missouri does boast a top-five passing offense but only ranks 53rd in rushing. However, due to K-State's troubles



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Senior place kicker Brooks Rossman tries to catch Missouri's Jeremy Maclin as he runs back a 99-yard kickoff return during the first quarter of last year's game at Snyder Family Stadium.

on the defensive line and the overall tackling issues, the Tigers could easily simplify their offense and run right at

'Nobody's saying that they're not," defensive end Ian then we have to be ready to play 50 snaps."

Campbell said. "I'm not worried about anything as far as what they're going to do.

"If they want to come out and run the ball 50 times,

TEAM LEADERS

Receiving: Chase Coffman 73 catches for 819 yards and

7 touchdowns

Jeremy Maclin 63 catches for 831 yards and 7 touchdowns



keys to victory

GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

If you're Ron Prince, what do you have to lose? You're not coming back and the administration that fired you is asking you to finish out the season. Call reverses, fake punts, go for the two-point conversion every time. Who cares?

PASS, PASS, PASS

With Prince leaving, there's a good chance that Lamark Brown has shown flashes of his potential quarterback Josh Freeman will declare for the 2009 NFL Draft. He'll have the opportunity to put up big numbers against Missouri. The Tigers give up an average of 272 passing yards per game.

STOP WASHINGTON

Derrick Washington is second in the Big 12 in rushing yards with 78.7 per game. The Wildcats give up more rushing yards than anyone at 209 per game. They'll need a big game from their front seven if they expect to slow down Washington.

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Jeremy Maclin is possibly the Big 12's most explosive player. Whether it's as a receiver, runner or a kick returner, Maclin has the potential to score at any time. If the Wildcats can prevent any Maclin big plays, they'll have a shot of keeping this game close.

BRING ON LAMARK

in previous games, but he's going to need to step it up. Since he's a big, powerful back, it would be nice to see him lower his pads and run over a defender. Right now he looks like a wide receiver trying to run the ball. He needs to make the transformation into a running back.

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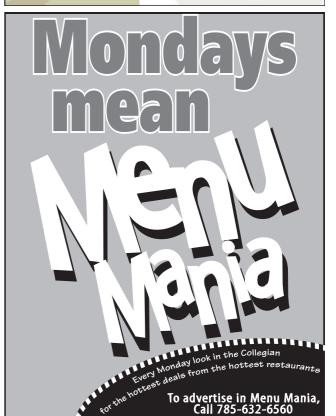
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Just enjoying the dream

Walk-on's attitude and hard work pay off as he fights for the team and climbs to the top

By Cole Manbeck

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Alex Hrebec had nowhere to go. He wasn't a big-time athlete out of high school or the type of player college recruiters salivated over

He didn't churn out the great combine numbers that many coaches use nowadays when recruiting a player.

But there's always one thing college recruiters can't determine through the tests players are put through at football camps across the country – heart. And that is something Hrebec has plenty of, and something a lot of coaches would love to have

SCHOLARSHIP HOPES DWINDLE

Hrebec played his high school football at Oakville High School in St. Louis where he was a four-year letter winner.

He compiled 80 tackles in 2005 and 2006. He was awarded team defensive player

ALEX HREBEC



Position: Conerback

Year: Freshman

Last season: Redshirted

Memorable achievement:

Top-five on team in tackles despite only starting three games.

of the year in 2006, All-State honorable mention and was an All-Conference selection as well that year.

He waited patiently for college recruiters to make their way into his living room at his home. They never came.

"I can't name a school to be honest with you," said Hrebec, who stands at 5-foot-11, 238-pounds. "I always wanted to play Division I. That was my goal in high school and growing up as a kid. But no one really recruited me"

K-STATE IT IS

So Hrebec decided to enroll at K-State. It was close to home and was a comfort zone for him. He said Manhattan was not too big or too small for him. It was the perfect fit.

"I enrolled and they said 'you know you have the opportunity to walk on if you want, take it or leave it," Hrebec said. "I don't think they knew a lot about me then."

He elected to take the walk-on offer.

"I walked on here [at K-State] right out of high school," Hrebec said. "I was not recruited at all by K-State. I just felt I could walk on here. I didn't really have anywhere else to go and I felt they would give me the best opportunity."

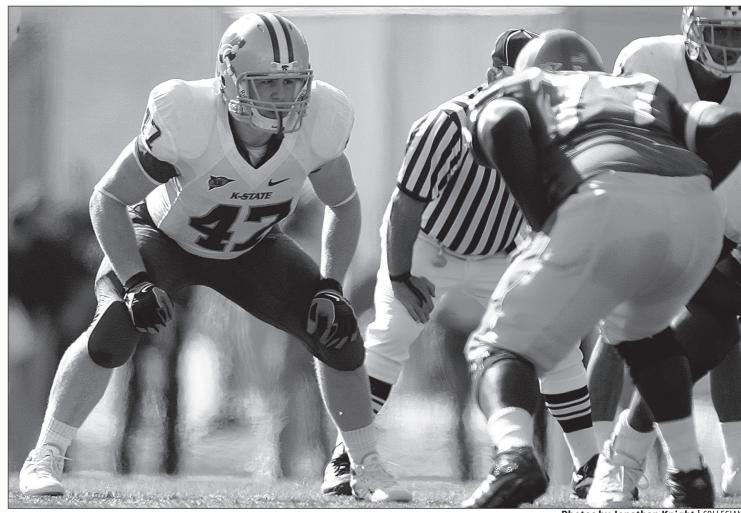
Hrebec said he didn't know a lot about K-State before arriving on campus. He never took an official visit here. In fact, he never took an official visit to any college because of the lack of interest in him.

"I just visited the school and I liked it," he said. "It just kind of made the decision really easy for me."

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Okay, so he walked on to the K-State football team – big deal, right? The truth of the matter is hundreds of players are overlooked by many colleges but often end up walking on to programs.

But they usually don't have the success that past K-State walk-ons have had, like Ian



Photos by Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN Redshirt Freshman linebacker Alex Hrebec awaits the snap of the ball against KU. Hrebec has been a starter since the Texas A&M game.

Campbell, Jordy Nelson and Jon McGraw. Hrebec can now lay claim to being part

of the successful pipeline of K-State walk-ons.

"Before I got here, I did not know that, Hrebec said, when referring to K-State's past success with walk-ons. "It was cool to learn that. I didn't know that coming in."

He didn't see the field much early in the year, but he saw significant action against Louisiana-Lafayette in the fourth game of the season.

From then on, Hrebec, who is a redshirt freshman for the Wildcats, would never look back. He hasn't surprised himself with his success on the field.

"It's exciting," he said. "I think I might have surpassed other people's expectations for me. But growing up I kind of just set the bar higher for myself. It's a dream I have always had and I truly enjoy it. I am just enjoying it overall."

enjoying it overall."

He started in his first collegiate game against Texas A&M. He recently has been penciled in as the full-time starter at one of

the middle linebacker positions.

He is coming off a game against KU in which he led the Wildcat squad in tackles.

He ranks in the top-five on the team in total tackles, despite only starting three games so far for K-State.

His hard work has not gone unnoticed to some of his teammates.

"I noticed his work ethic and stuff in

"I noticed his work ethic and stuff in the summer," said senior defensive end Ian Campbell. "He's very broad-shouldered and very strong in the weight room, and he's very fast. I noticed that he was doing well on some special teams early in camp and he started to have an opportunity to play a little later in camp."

HAPPY WHERE HE IS

He just takes it all in with a grain of salt. He admits he is never comfortable. He has had to fight for his spot on the field his whole life. It is something Hrebec is used

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to. Despite being a starter, he still remains without a scholarship at K-State, but Hrebec said he is more concerned about helping his team win games than his personal situation.

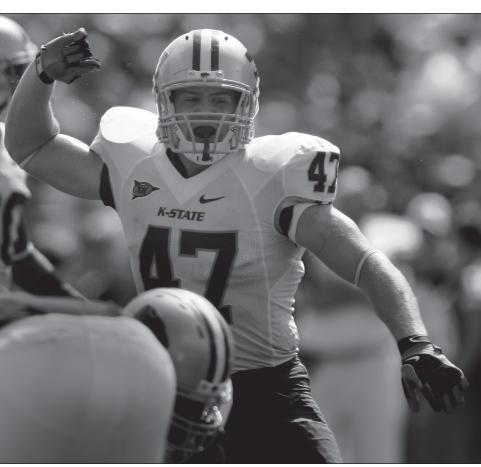
"At the start of the season I didn't know what was going to happen," he said. "I just knew I was going to show up and work hard and do everything I can to help the team win and whatever happened from there happened."

The quiet-mannered Hrebec said he is

proud to wear purple and pleased with his decision to attend K-State.

He said he will continue to work hard because he has been taught to never take anything for granted.

"Anything can change," he said. "Nothing is a promise, so I just try to go out there each day and work hard. I have a lot to work on. There's always room to get better. I am never satisfied."



Hrebec attempts to pump up his teammates during the Texas A&M. K-State won 44-30.





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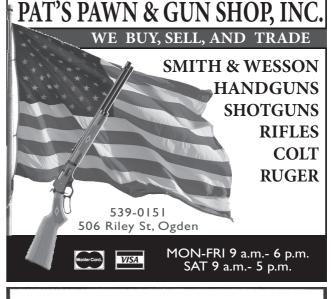
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Big 12 breakdown

South Division puts 4 teams in top 10; Mizzou only North team ranked

he strong teams in the South Division really distanced themselves from the poorer teams in the conference. Oklahoma State beat down Iowa State, Oklahoma destroyed Nebraska and Texas and Texas Tech played one of the greatest games in college football history. There has already been one coaching termination with K-State's Ron Prince. More might come if Colorado and Iowa State do not get some wins soon.

NORTH DIVISION



Missouri: (7-2, Big 12 3-2) AP: No. 14

Missouri (7-2) (3-2) AP Rank: 14th Last week: Defeated Baylor 31-28

This week: vs. K-State

Head Coach Gary Pinkel: "The Kansas State game is always a difficult game for us. I have tremendous respect for (K-State junior QB) Josh Freeman. They're very well known for their special teams. We're working hard to prepare our offense and defense."



Nebraska: (5-4, 2-3) AP: not ranked (NR)

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma 62-28

This week: vs. Kansas

Head Coach Bo Pelini "We've just got to keep pushing, keep pushing forward and keep working, not being satisfied and working for progress. Pretty consistently we've made progress, obviously, the Missouri game and the Oklahoma game, we kind of took a step back for whatever reason. We've just got to keep moving forward to get to the level we haven't attained yet."



K-State (4-5, 1-4) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Kansas 52-21 This week: at Missouri

Head Coach Ron Prince: "I think that it will be a great match

up – one that we need to go on the road and win. It is a place that we did not have much success last time that we were



Colorado (4-5, 1-4) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Texas A&M This week: at Iowa State 24-17

Head Coach Dan Hawkins "I like what they're doing schematically; I think it's very sound, very tough. I think they have a good quarterback, and again, that guy can run. They have some receivers; they're battling the same conference we are. So when you come up a little short, sometimes it's more than that."



Iowa State (2-7, 0-5) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma State 59-17

This week: at Colorado

Head Coach Gene Chizik "We are going to attempt to run the ball like we always do, but we have to keep ourselves out of situations that are turnover related like Saturday."



Kansas (6-3, 3-2) AP: NR

Last week: Defeated K-State 52-21

This week: at Nebraska

Head Coach Mark Mangino "They (Nebraska) are running the ball pretty well. They have a couple of really good running backs. (Marlon) Lucky is a talented kid and so is (Roy) Helu. We are preparing hard and hopefully we will continue to have a good week."

SOUTH DIVISION



Texas Tech (9-0, 5-0) AP: No. 2

Last week: Defeated Texas 39-33

This week: vs. Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Leach "

"I just think we have to be disciplined and keep doing what we are doing and keeping pride in the process. I have been asked that question for several weeks and the players just have to be committed to doing it."



Oklahoma (8-1, 4-1) AP: No. 6

Last week: Defeated Nebraska 62-28

This week: vs. Texas A&M

Head Coach Mike Gundy "Their quarterback Jared Johnson is playing well and he is getting better and more comfortable. He makes good decisions and really limits his mistakes. Their defensive coordinator does a great job and keeps them disciplined and good at what they do. Going down to A&M is always an exciting but challenging thing. We have to be focused and prepared as we go down there like always."



Oklahoma St. (8-1, 4-1) AP: 9

Last week: Defeated Iowa State 59-17

This week: at Texas Tech

Key Player: "Our team is very excited about the game this week. They're looking forward to playing Texas Tech out there. It will be a great challenge for us on both sides of the



Texas (8-1, 4-1) AP: No. 5

Last week: Lost to Texas Tech 39-33

This week: vs. Baylor

Head Coach Mack Brown: "We're going to need our fans this week. It's a very difficult week for our players and our coaches. They're emotionally and physically tired. They're banged up. Some may not play this week. A lot will not be able to practice this week after this stretch. Baylor is improving, so we have a lot of work to do and we can't get let one loss beat



Baylor (3-6, 1-4) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Missouri

This week: at Texas

Head Coach Art Briles: "We are going to bring everything we have and not leave anything lying around. It is encouraging and it gives you the chance to have a good outcome. If you don't believe in yourself, no one else will. And right now, we are fighting for ourselves and trying to make other people believe in us as a football team."



Texas A&M (4-5, 2-3) AP: NR

Last week: Defeated Colorado

This week: vs. Oklahoma

Head Coach Mike Sherman: "We have a chance this week to play a very, very good opponent that is a top five team and one of the best ones I've seen on tape this year. This would be a very special moment if we could beat this team. Certainly it's a formidable task, but these things do happen."



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Prince contract resignation clouds remainder of season



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The news of Ron Prince's resignation caused much rejoicing across Wildcat Nation.

While Manhattan may be celebrating the end of the Prince era, the immediate future of K-State's football program has lost any bit of clarity that it once possessed.

Don't get me wrong. It was obvious that the program had stalled. It was also obvious that things weren't going to get any better under the third-year head coach. There's no doubt about it: changes needed to be made...but

why now? Why would you fire your school's head coach three days before a game against one of the top teams in the conference? Also, why would you do so when your team could still become bowl eligible? If the plan was for Prince to finish the season, then why make the decision public now? The list of questions could go on and on, but they all prove the same point: Athletic Director Bob Krause made the right move, but he did it at the wrong time.

Put yourself in the shoes of a Wildcat football player or assistant coach. What's your mindset with three games still remaining? You're coming off one of the school's most embarrassing losses in recent history, and your school's athletic department has now shown that it doesn't believe you can win under your current head coach.

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Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN Head coach Ron Prince who was fired earlier this week, will continue to coach the team until the end of the season.

Do you cash in your chips and coast through the last three games on autopilot, or do you buckle down and continue to fight for a bowl

Every member of the Wildcat football squad players and coaches alike is now faced with choosing one of those two options. Unfortunately, the choice may not be as easy as it seems. Let's face it: there's little incentive to continue competing. Your coach just lost his job, you're the laughing stock of the conference, and your fan base is in ruins.

If there's any hope left for the remainder of

instill that attitude into their younger teammates. Many times – especially in the world of sports – peers make the best leaders.

There are still plenty of opportunities to turn heads this season, but in order for this team to succeed, every player and coach will have to give everything they've

There's not a doubt in my mind that Prince will put forth his best effort in the time he has left. He may not be the most talented coach in the world, but there is little to be desired when looking at his attitude.

If his players and staff

Stringer discusses confidence of O-line, bowl chances



By Steve Berklund KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nick Stringer, a junior from Topeka, has started every game this year at right tackle for the Wildcats. Stringer recently answered questions about the possibility of getting to a bowl game this season, growing up a K-State fan, and the importance of this weekend's game against the Missouri

Q. How important is this weekend's game against Missouri?

A. It's another game. Every game is very important; I mean there's not one game on our schedule that's more important than the next.

Q. The offensive line has struggled this year. How much confidence do you have in the guys next to you?

A. I have all the confidence in the world in them. I have to have confidence in them and they have to have confidence in me. I mean that's just how the offensive line works and you know we got some guys stepping up that haven't played very much that are young that are doing a good job.

Q. What is it going to take for this team to get two wins out of the these last three ball games to get bowl eligible this

A. I think we're going to try and win all three of them. I don't know about two, I know we're going to try and win all three of them and do our best. I think we need to clean up on the mental errors and mistakes and I think we'll be alright.

Q. Growing up in Kansas, were you a K-State fan or a KU fan?

A. I've always been a K-State fan. I grew up dreaming of playing in the K-State-KU game ever since I was little. It's just disappointing to fall short in that game. I'm going put it in the back of my head and work in the offseason for next year.

Q. In high school you played tight end. How did it feel to switch over to offensive line? Would you rather be playing tight end?

A. I liked it. I got recruited as on offensive tackle. I played offensive line early in my high school career and played tight end to help out the team whenever I could. It's really not a big deal. I like where I'm at

Q. What do you like to do in your free time? Do you have any activities you enjoy or any hobbies?

A. I'm a big outdoors guy. I like to hunt and fish a lot. I like to work on old cars too.

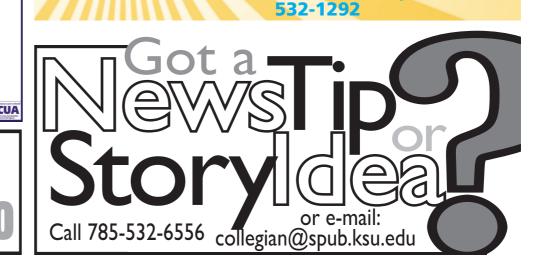


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